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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES BY
LICENSED PHARMACISTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 20-633 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

3 (a) On and after October 1, 2005, any person licensed as a
4 pharmacist under part II of this chapter may administer [influenza
5 vaccine] vaccines to an adult, provided the administration is
6 conducted pursuant to the order of a licensed health care provider and
7 in accordance with the regulations established pursuant to subsection
8 (b) of this section.

9 (b) Not later than September 1, 2005, the Commissioner of
10 Consumer Protection, in consultation with the Commissioner of Public
11 Health and the Commission of Pharmacy, shall adopt regulations, in
12 accordance with chapter 54, to implement the provisions of this
13 section. Such regulations shall (1) require any pharmacist who
14 administers [influenza vaccine] vaccines to an adult pursuant to this
15 section to successfully complete an immunization training program for

16 pharmacists; (2) define the basic requirements of such training
17 program, which shall include training and instruction in pre-
18 administration education and screening, vaccine storage and handling,
19 subcutaneous and intramuscular injections, recordkeeping, vaccine
20 safety, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, basic cardiac life support and
21 adverse event reporting; (3) identify qualifying training programs,
22 which are accredited by the National Centers for Disease Control
23 Prevention, the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or other
24 appropriate national accrediting body; and (4) establish a system of
25 control and reporting.

26 (c) For purposes of this section, "adult" means an individual who
27 has attained the age of eighteen years.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2008	20-633
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow licensed pharmacists to administer vaccinations pursuant to the order of a licensed health care provider thereby promoting greater access to vaccinations covered under the Medicare Part D program.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]